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and say, how is that going to hurt me; how will people feel; what will they think? I don't care. That means nothing to me whatsoever, nothing. And, when people do things that provoke me, it's obvious that they don't care what I think. So we have a kind of mutuality on this floor. This is not a bill which reached its present stage by people just bopping in here in an effervescent way, bubbling like Lawrence Welk's...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...champagne bottle where he pulls the cap and then it's (singing) wonderful, wonderful, play the polka. Well, that's not exactly what we're doing here, brothers and sisters. We're doing serious work. Senator Landis has been chopping some serious lumber, and so have I, but Senator Landis knows that he can sit back and remain the diplomat because I will stand up here and say what needs to be said. I support Senator Landis' amendment. The fact that Senator Tyson stood up and supported it is not enough to cause me not to support it either. (Laughter) That which has quality should stand on its merit, and his amendment has merit. I do believe it's going to be adopted, despite all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I feel so much better.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: I got nothing to say after that. It does seem to me I think we're in a modest number, but since we're on a closing I think we'll just do a board vote and if it looks like we're short I will ask for a call of the house to make sure that members are here. If the amendment is adopted, and I ask that it be adopted, we will then proceed to talk about the bill and I expect some debate on the bill. I understand that Senator Chambers and Senator Robak and other critics of the bill haven't been converted by any means and we may well want to talk about that. I do want to answer a question that Senator Stuhr asked me, because she asked about the operation of the amendment because it looks confusing if you read it, but the answer to the time line is this. The bill is put off to an effective date of January 1, 2002. Then there's six months before the beginning